

Preston Primary School Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Religious Education

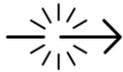
Term: Summer 1

Year: Unit 4

Duration: 5 weeks

The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what will be learning):

Question: 'Why do some people believe in God and some do not?'

Making sense of belief: 	Understanding the impact: 	Making connections:  Connecting
<p>I can define the terms 'theist', 'atheist' and 'agnostic'.</p> <p>I can explain what religious and non-religious people believe about God, saying where they get their ideas from.</p> <p>I can give examples of reasons why people do or do not believe in God.</p>	<p>I can make clear connections between what people believe about God and the impact of this belief on how they live</p> <p>I can explain how Christians sometimes disagree about what God is like.</p>	<p>I can reflect on some ways in which believing in God is valuable in the lives of believers, and ways it can be challenging.</p> <p>I can consider different views on theism, agnosticism, and atheism.</p> <p>I can make connections between belief and behaviour in my own life.</p>

Our Key Vocabulary:

Word	Meaning
Theist	Believes in God.
Agnostic	Cannot say if God exists or not.
Atheist	Believes there is no God.
Prayer	An act of worship, like a conversation with God.

What I already know:

I have learned about the Christian faith across Units 1-4, and now will begin to articulate and investigate why some people choose not to follow these teachings and have different opinions. This will then lead on to when I'm in KS3, where I will explore these different views and how they impact on wider current affairs.

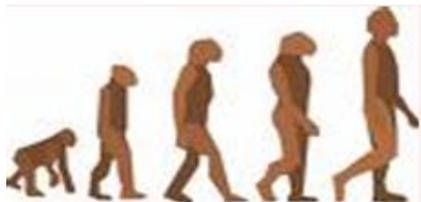
Examples of why some people believe in God:

- Family upbringing/ home background.
- Religious experience- some people may have 'experienced the presence' of God.
- They may feel unsure of what to do with their life and want a structure/ clear path to follow through religion.
- They might believe that the universe/ Earth was made by an 'almighty creator'.



Examples of why some people do NOT believe in God:

- Family upbringing/ home background.
- They may think that there can't be a God with such terrible suffering in the world.
- Unanswered prayers.
- They may think that religions are just created by people.
- Some people may think a creator does not explain the existence of the earth, but instead, science does.



Some viewpoints can see benefits and challenges of believing in God. Here are some:

Benefits:

- These people feel they have a 'path' they can follow- for example Jewish people believe the Torah gives them a 'map of life' with guidance to follow. Muslims follow the Qu 'ran and Christians follow the Bible.
- These people feel they have a connection to God who they can communicate with through religious practices such as prayer.

Challenges:

- There can be different views across different religions. So people may have different beliefs about God.
- There can be different views in the same religion. For example: in Christianity, Genesis can be interpreted differently by Christians. Some believe that God was the creator of the Earth and take Genesis as a 'literal' reading. However, others rely on evolutionary theory to explain our origins.
- People will not always agree with their views.